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LETTER TO COMMISSION

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TO: Mayor Matti H. Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: February 24, 2011

SUBJECT: Removal of Five Australian Pines on Pinetree Drive

This Letter to Commission is provided to advise you that, as authorized by the City Commission on January 19, 2011, five Australian Pines on Pinetree Drive will be removed in order to evaluate the extent of decay within their lower trunks and large roots. All of these trees showed evidence of decay during an external examination by Board Certified Master Arborist, Chuck Lippi. The five trees are scheduled for removal during the week of February 28 to March 4, 2011 by a Miami-Dade County contracted tree crew. The removals and "dissection" of the Australian Pines will be supervised by City of Miami Beach Urban Forester, Chris Latt.

Two of the trees to be removed are located on the Pinetree Drive median north of 44th Street, one is located on the median just south of 42nd Street, and two are located on the median south of 34th Street. The south-bound lane of Pinetree Drive will be closed to traffic for one block when the tree removals are in progress at each of these three locations. Only one block will be closed at a time. All of Pinetree Drive, except for the block where tree work is in progress, will remain open. Closures are not expected to affect the north-bound lanes. A Miami-Dade County engineer has identified detour routes for each location, as shown on the attached flyer.

Additionally, and as directed, the Administration has begun the research to determine what steps would be necessary to gain any available approvals to replace the Australian Pines with other Australian Pines, should we be able to do so.

We have begun outreach to advise the neighboring community of this project and ensure that they understand that these removals are necessary to assess the extent of decay, and are limited to these trees at this time.

As always, please advise if you have questions or require additional information.

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PINETREE DR – AUSTRALIAN PINES REMOVAL

STREET CLOSURE / DETOUR ALERT

by the City of Miami Beach

During the week of February 28th, 2011 through March 4th, 2011, a Miami-Dade County contracted tree crew will remove 5 Australian Pines from the Pinetree Dr median. Two of the trees are located on the median north of 44th St., one is located on the median just south of 42nd Street, and two are located on the median south of 34th Street. The south-bound lane of Pinetree Dr. will be closed to traffic for one block when the tree removals are in progress at each of these three locations. Only one block will be closed at a time.

All of Pinetree Dr will remain open except for the block where tree work is in progress. Closures are not expected to affect the north-bound lanes. A Miami-Dade County engineer has identified detour routes for each location.

Please refer to the Detour Routes referenced on the attachment.

For questions or concerns, please contact Chris Latt, Ph.D., Urban Forester of the Parks & Recreation Department at 305-673-7730.



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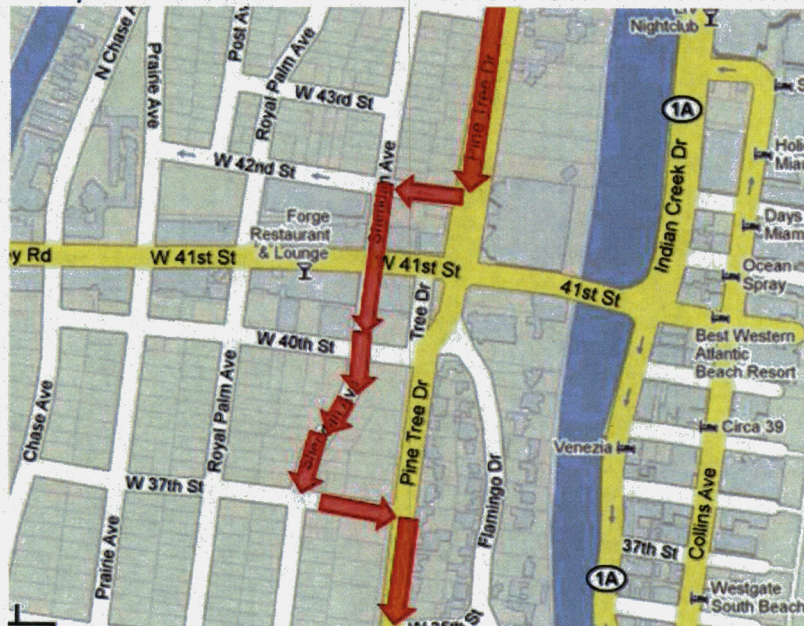
ATTACHMENT

PINETREE DRIVE DETOUR ROUTES

DETOUR #1: During the removal of two trees from the median north of 44th St., traffic will be directed from the south-bound lanes of Pinetree Drive west on 45th St to Sheridan Ave., south on Sheridan Ave to 44th St, then east on 44th St to Pinetree Drive.



DETOUR #2: During the removal of the tree from the median south of 42nd St., traffic will be directed from the south-bound lanes of Pinetree Drive west on 42nd St to Sheridan Ave, south on Sheridan Ave to 37th St, then east on 37th St to Pinetree Drive.



DETOUR #3: During the removal of two trees are from the median south of 34th St., traffic will be directed from the south-bound lanes of Pinetree Drive west on 34th St to Sheridan Ave., south on Sheridan Ave to 30th St, then east on 30th St to Pinetree Drive.

